

## **IC 16-31-6**

### **Chapter 6. Immunity From Liability**

#### **IC 16-31-6-1**

##### **Emergency medical technician services**

Sec. 1. (a) A certified emergency medical technician who provides emergency medical services to an emergency patient is not liable for an act or omission in providing those services unless the act or omission constitutes negligence or willful misconduct. If the emergency medical technician is not liable for an act or omission, no other person incurs liability by reason of an agency relationship with the emergency medical technician.

(b) This section does not affect the liability of a driver of an ambulance for negligent operation of the ambulance.

*As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.205-2003, SEC.33; P.L.77-2012, SEC.46.*

#### **IC 16-31-6-2**

##### **Use of defibrillators**

Sec. 2. (a) Except for an act of negligence or willful misconduct, a certified emergency medical responder who uses an automatic or semiautomatic defibrillator on an emergency patient according to the training procedures established by the commission under IC 16-31-2-9 is immune from civil liability for acts or omissions when rendering those services.

(b) If the emergency medical responder is immune from civil liability for the emergency medical responder's act or omission, a person who has only an agency relationship with the emergency medical responder is also immune from civil liability for the act or omission.

*As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.77-2012, SEC.47.*

#### **IC 16-31-6-2.5**

##### **Use of overdose intervention drugs; civil immunity**

Sec. 2.5. (a) Except for an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct, an advanced emergency medical technician, an emergency medical responder, an emergency medical technician, a firefighter or volunteer firefighter, a law enforcement officer, or a paramedic who administers an overdose intervention drug according to standards established by:

- (1) the department or agency that oversees the individual's employment in providing emergency medical services; or
- (2) the commission under IC 16-31-2-9;

to an individual suffering from an overdose is immune from civil liability for acts or omissions when administering the drug.

(b) If:

- (1) an advanced emergency medical technician;
- (2) an emergency medical responder;
- (3) an emergency medical technician;
- (4) a firefighter or volunteer firefighter;

(5) a law enforcement officer; or

(6) a paramedic;

is immune from civil liability for the individual's act or omission, a person who has only an agency relationship with the advanced emergency medical technician, emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, firefighter or volunteer firefighter, law enforcement officer, or paramedic is also immune from civil liability for the act or omission.

*As added by P.L.156-2014, SEC.9.*

### **IC 16-31-6-3**

#### **Advanced life support; liability**

Sec. 3. An act or omission of a paramedic or an advanced emergency medical technician done or omitted in good faith while providing advanced life support to a patient or trauma victim does not impose liability upon the paramedic or advanced emergency medical technician, the authorizing physician, the hospital, or the officers, members of the staff, nurses, or other employees of the hospital or the local governmental unit if the advanced life support is provided:

(1) in connection with an emergency;

(2) in good faith; and

(3) under the written or oral direction of a licensed physician;

unless the act or omission was a result of negligence or willful misconduct.

*As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.205-2003, SEC.34; P.L.77-2012, SEC.48.*

### **IC 16-31-6-4**

#### **Life support provided in connection with disaster emergency**

Sec. 4. (a) This section does not apply to an act or omission that was a result of gross negligence or willful or intentional misconduct.

(b) An act or omission of a paramedic, an advanced emergency medical technician, an emergency medical technician, or a person with equivalent certification or licensure from another state that is performed or made while providing advanced life support or basic life support to a patient or trauma victim does not impose liability upon the paramedic, the advanced emergency medical technician, an emergency medical technician, the person with equivalent certification or licensure from another state, a hospital, a provider organization, a governmental entity, or an employee or other staff of a hospital, provider organization, or governmental entity if the advanced life support or basic life support is provided in good faith:

(1) in connection with a disaster emergency declared by the governor under IC 10-14-3-12 in response to an act that the governor in good faith believes to be an act of terrorism (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-329); and

(2) in accordance with the rules adopted by the Indiana emergency medical services commission or the disaster emergency declaration of the governor.

*As added by P.L.156-2001, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.2-2003, SEC.53;*

*P.L.205-2003, SEC.35; P.L.97-2004, SEC.64; P.L.114-2012,  
SEC.40; P.L.77-2012, SEC.49.*